



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: March 21/25, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA /
Zoom (Hybrid)

1. ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed 11 present.

M. Chau presiding.

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote / Zoom Participation:

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In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Yem. So voted.

2.2. Informational - Educational Breakfast - Positive Parenting (Mahoney Family Fund).

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Gitschier. So voted. Maureen Mahoney via Zoom addressed the body regarding the event.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Neighborhoods SC March 6th; City Council Regular Meeting March 7th; Parks And Recreation SC March 13th, For Acceptance.



In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Drinkwater. So voted.

Motion by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Leahy to take Items #5.1N and #5.1V out of order. So voted.

4. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. Executive Session - Regarding Matters Of Ongoing Litigation, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

In City Council, M. Chau stated reason for Executive Session, **Motion** by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Leahy to enter Executive Session for stated purpose and to return from Executive Session to open session. (8:24 PM). Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas. So voted. M. Chau stated that body would return from the Executive Session.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses.

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Scott, seconded by C. Leahy. So voted.

A) Motion Response - Career Center – C. Robinson recognized the report and requested going forward.

B) Motion Response - HHS - 2019 Report – C. Yem noted approval of responses. C. Gitschier questioned status of Homeless Council as well as updating of plan. Maura Fitzpatrick (Homeless Coordinator) commented on all of the organizations involve in matter and the need for that council has shifted. C. Gitschier noted report suggesting outside entities be involved. Manager Golden, Jr. noted still implementing suggestions of the report and moving to establishing a whole piece approach. Ms. Fitzpatrick commented on the use of consultants. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on the use of ARPA funding. C. Mercier commented on efforts of Ms. Fitzpatrick. C. Nuon noted some recommendations were followed per report. C. Jenness noted roadblocks along way and there is a need to follow up on this relevant report. C. Scott question status of hotel voucher program. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on letter of support of the program continuing.

C) Motion Response - List of Agencies – C. Jenness noted the list was impressive. C. Nuon commented on the success of the voucher program.

D) Motion Response - Full Service Community Schools - C. Robinson noted the importance of moving forward and that they would support school administration with this. C. Gitschier questioned the types of programs available. Peter Faticanti (Rec. Dept.) outlined the programs available. C. Rourke questioned status of the Police Action League.



E) Motion Response - Youth Transportation – C. Robinson noted transportation must be a part of programming.

F) Motion Response - Summer Youth Employment – C. Robinson noted the need to communicate with the public to provide information. C. Robinson questioned the status of lifeguard program. Mr. Faticanti noted it was in excellent shape.

G) Motion Response - Leaf Removal – C. Robinson noted spring clean-up was approaching. C. Leahy questioned if temporary help could be hired to assist. Manager Golden, Jr. noted they are trying to fill the full time positions.

H) Motion Response - Cardinal O'Connell School Sidewalk – C. Scott noted report and commented that the work was overdue.

I) Motion Response - Lawrence Street Bridge – C. Scott noted work was needed. C. Leahy commented that added signage could relieve some issues. C. Gitschier noted road paintings could assist as well.

J) Motion Response - Bicentennial Anniversary – C. Yem noted formation at outset and the need to move forward and enlarge the effort via committees. C. Yem noted need for assistance in organization and fund raising. Peter Crewe (Cultural Affairs Dir.) noted goal was to have community lead committees. C. Robinson noted that there are a lot of organizations in the City who can organized great festivals.

K) Motion Response - Time Clocks - C. Robinson noted it was an issue of equality and that hourly workers should be timed so City can protect its assets. C. Gitschier noted it was an equality issue and should go across the board. C. Gitschier noted there are rules that govern time tracking. Corey Williams (Asst. Solicitor) commented that there are timing policies in place. C. Gitschier noted need for clocks to track time and it is not expensive to provide them. C. Rourke noted tracking is simple and will assist with payroll. Manager Golden, Jr. noted possible collective bargaining issues.

L) Motion Response - Flag Raising Policy – C. Jenness noted need to develop policy.

M) Motion Response - Downtown Redevelopment – C. Rourke requested Item #5.10 be discussed at same time with no objections. C. Rourke commented on the reports noting the need to use grants and to inform developers of advantageous programs. C. Scott commented on the use of grants to inform the public of funding. Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD) noted grant deadlines were extended and ARPA produced many grant opportunities. C. Jenness noted extension of grant deadline and questioned vacancy fees currently in place for the City. Allison Carter (DPD) commented on the extension and the fees. **Motion** by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Gitschier to refer matter to Economic/Downtown Development SC. So voted. C. Nuon noted support of a vacancy ordinance. C. Robinson noted possible effectiveness of the DPD manual. C. Mercier noted same criteria should be done for vacant residential property. C. Scott noted importance of enforcement. C. Robinson requested schedule



for development service walks in the neighborhoods. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on shift in policy and developing new process to enhance results. C. Robinson noted enforcement critical with new policy. C. Leahy commented on the approach and to put constant pressure on violators. C. Gitschier commented on work of Lowell Litter Crew in Centralville area. C. Mercier lauded efforts as well. C. Robinson requested stumps be grind down in area to prevent increase in trash.

N) Motion Response - Net Zero – Registered speakers, Jay Mason, Mary Wumbui and Jonathon Grossman, addressed the Council. C. Gitschier commented that a sustainability department could be effective in the City noting energy costs must be monitored and there needs to be a concern for the environment. C. Gitschier questioned MSBA use of oil burners in schools. Manager Golden, Jr. noted that new systems are substantially more efficient than existing structures. **Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Jenness to request Manager investigate possible establishment of a sustainability department within City. So voted. C. Jenness noted department could be beneficial. C. Nuon noted any venture should include the expertise of Ms. Moses and possible grant funding. C. Robinson noted no need to outsource as Ms. Moses is very effective at her position. C. Rourke noted any department should be led by Ms. Moses. M. Chau commented on report and many State guidelines.

Motion by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon to take Item #11.6 out of order. So voted.

Motion by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Rourke to take items with registered speakers out of order (Items #6.1; 6.2; and 7.2. So voted.

O) Motion Response - Downtown Commercial Vacancies – See discussion under Item #5.1M.

P) Motion Response - HRC Scorecard Response - With Attachments – C. Jenness commented on the report. C. Jenness questioned City response at outset and that the survey was not targeting the City but that it fit the criteria and the focus should be moving forward not back. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on report and methodology and agreed best not dwell on past but move forward. C. Gitschier noted City is ahead of the game this time around and focus moving forward.

Q) Motion Response - Local Government Metric Software – C. Robinson noted the City is willing to support any measure to obtain 311 software and that it should be in place currently as the City is not recreating the wheel. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on budgeted costs for next budget. Miran Fernandez (MIS) commented on the process and the gathering of information which is costly and time consuming.

R) Motion Response - Update on Sale of LeLacheur Park – C. Jenness commented on concluding sale and bankruptcy of the Spinners. John McKenna (Asst. Solicitor) noted obstacles that were present and addressed. C. Gitschier commented on abandoning streets. Atty. McKenna noted only partial abandonment was done years back.



Motion by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Jenness to take Items #6.3 to #6.8 out of order and to bundle and waive second reading. So voted.

In City Council March 25, 2023, Roll Call at 10:00 AM, 10 present, 1 absent (C. Drinkwater). M. Chau presiding.

S) Motion Response - Love Lock Bridge – Motion by C. Yem, seconded by C. Robinson to refer to Arts and Cultures SC. So voted. C. Yem noted it being a tourist attraction.

T) Motion Response - Perez - Monument Committee – C. Jenness commented on the work of the committee and requested to move forward. C. Leahy made suggestion regarding type of plaque.

U) Motion Response - City Hall Traffic Calming – C. Leahy noted the need to complete the project this year.

V) Motion Response - LHS Project Restroom Parity – Jim Dowd (Skanska); Robin Greenburg and Joe Drouin (Perkins) provided presentation entitled “Conversion of Team Room into Student Toilets & PE Office”. C. Scott noted need to be equitable. C. Yem commented on changing rooms. C. Gitschier requested cost of changes and equipment in the restaurant; ie, bathrooms. C. Leahy noted need to have bathroom in the restaurant.

5.2. Informational Reports

Informational Report - ARPA Cultural Fund – Peter Crewe (Cultural Affairs) commented on the different areas that funding will be used. Manager Golden, Jr. noted the beginning of a creative economy. C. Robinson commented on strides made in funding of the arts. Manager Golden, Jr. outlined possible future events in the City. C. Gitschier noted the need to promote events and funding opportunities. M. Chau commented on the effort in developing the report.

Informational Report - Cambodia Town Neighborhood Plan – Motion by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Yem to refer to joint Neighborhoods and Arts and Cultures subcommittees. So voted. M. Chau commented on the extensive study. C. Nuon noted the excitement of the community and noted the upcoming Cambodian New Year. C. Yem noted importance of informing the community. Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD) noted the effort of the department in putting the report together and further noted the use of grant funding to assist in that effort. Manager Golden, Jr. noted the effort and suggested a gathering to celebrate the report and moving forward.

Informational Report - FY24 Budget Update with Attachments – Motion by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Mercier to refer matter to Finance SC. So voted. Conor Baldwin (CFO) updated on the process and the fielding of budget request from departments; noting challenges with all fixed costs associated with the budget. Mr. Baldwin indicated that the picture will be clearer once the State set the amount of



money will be afforded to City. C. Gitschier noted increase in funding but would like to see where the spending would be going. Mr. Baldwin noted continued work in establishing a right sized budget. Manager Golden, Jr. noted request of departments for full needs and there must be an evaluation of those needs. C. Gitschier noted pressing needs for fire trucks, charter school reimbursement, fixed costs and health insurance. Mr. Baldwin discussed savings in health costs since City went to current system, noting remaining revenues from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield insurance coverage. C. Gitschier commented on the need to fill vacant jobs. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on reorganization without losing jobs and vacant jobs will need review. C. Rourke commented on health costs and noted that motions come with price tags. C. Mercier noted goal is least increase possible. C. Jenness requested MUNIS budget reports. Kelly Oates (Auditor) noted they are posted on website monthly. C. Jenness noted outside economy factors effecting the budget. Mr. Baldwin noted effect of inflation on economy and bond market.

5.3. Communication - Resignation Of Sidney Liang From Community Preservation Committee.

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Yem, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

5.4. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (1) LPD And (1) HHS.

In City Council, **Motion** to adopt by C. Leahy, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 absent (C. Drinkwater). So voted.

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote - Accept Gift Of Black Joy Sculpture From Kamil Peters And DIY Lowell.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to refer matter to City Council Meeting on March 28, 2023 by C. Rourke, seconded by M. Chau. So voted. Registered speaker, Chris Hayes, addressed Council via Zoom. C. Mercier noted concern of not having a depiction of the gift before the vote. Mr. Crewe described the statute and informed body he would provide a picture.

6.2. Vote - Accept Proposal And Convey 22 W Fourth St. To Peter D. Marlowe.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 11 yeas. So voted. Registered speakers, Peter Marlowe and Ann Marie Page, addressed the Council. C. Robinson supported the project as it provided ample parking. C. Rourke supported project for that area. C. Nuon supported developer. C. Mercier noted the developer and the support of Mrs. Page.

6.3. Vote - Amend FY2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.



In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

6.4. Vote - Accept Gift Of SMART Boards From GLTHS.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

6.5. Vote - Approve Amendments To Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School District Agreement.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

6.6. Vote - Approve Exemption Of Timothy Coughlin MGL C.268A S.20.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

6.7. Vote - Authorize CM Enter License Agreement With Naturel Juicing, LLC.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

6.8. Vote - Transfer \$233,000 – Law.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 abstain (C. Gitschier). So voted.

Motion by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson to refer remaining open matters to continued meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Adopted per Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 nay (C. Gitschier). So voted.

7. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Order - 60 Day Trial.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Jenness. Adopted by Roll Call vote 10 yeas, 1 absent (C. Drinkwater). So voted.



7.2. Loan Order - MSBA Accelerated Repair To Various School Buildings.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading, **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on April 4, 2023 at 7 PM by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Jenness. So voted. Registered speaker, Jay Mason, addressed the Council

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Ext TTF Zone - 38 Nelson Ave

In City Council, Given 1st Reading, **Motion** to refer to Planning Board for report and recommendation and to Public Hearing on May 2, 2023 at 7 PM by C. Jenness, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted.

9. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

9.1. Parks And Recreation SC March 13, 2023.

In City Council, C. Mercier provided report outlining the attendance and the purpose of the meeting reviewing of permitting process for parks, as well as, review of handbook and refunding fees when not utilized. C. Mercier requested the Board of Parks discover what works best for them and draft handbook accordingly. **Motion** to accept the report as a report of progress by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Gitschier. So voted.

9.2. Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC March 21, 2023.

In City Council, C. Yem noted there would be additional meeting regarding same subject matter and it would be reported out at that time.

10. PETITIONS

10.1. Claims - (8) Property Damage.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Law Department for report and recommendation by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Leahy. So voted.

10.2. Misc. - Roger Cunhui Yang For Benefit Of Shaimaa Mhaimeed Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign At 139 Cumberland Road.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Transportation Engineer for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

11. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

11.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Detailed List Of Roads That Will Have Line Striping, Crosswalks Painted And Detailed Work For Pavement Markings During The Upcoming Season (April-November).

In City Council, seconded by C. Jenness referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Leahy noted the importance of painting in front of firehouses.



11.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Report On All Paid Invoices Since MyRec Was Established For Parks And Facilities Rentals; The Group Who Paid The Funds, The Date Of The Rental And The Date Of Payment Of Rentals.

In City Council, seconded by C. Yem, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Report On All Waived Fees For Parks And Facilities Rentals; The Group Who Had The Fees Waived And The Date Of Waived Rental.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Report To The City Council What Portion On The Street Index Of 1418 To 1765 Middlesex Street Is On The Repaving List.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.5. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Put All City Employee Union Contracts On The City's Website.

In City Council, seconded by C. Robinson referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.6. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Find Ways And Means To Install A Concrete Sidewalk That Complies With ADA Standards On Fort Hill Avenue At The Corner Of Rogers Street Across From The Moody Grade School For The Safety Of Children And The Elderly Residents At Rogers Hall.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted. Registered speaker, Adam Mitchell, addressed the Council. C. Mercier noted speaker laid out request properly.

11.7. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With A Report Concerning The Number Of Individuals Using City Programs To Aid Residents In Housing/Purchasing Homes In The City; Said Report Should Include Ways The City Can Better Advertise Such Programs.

In City Council, seconded by C. Scott, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon noted new communication department can push out the information.

11.8. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With A Report Concerning The Number Of Seniors In The City Using/Utilizing Senior Work Off Program To Pay Off Their Taxes.



In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon noted it was a good program and should be message out to the community. C. Leahy noted retirees looking for work. C. Robinson noted it was a popular program.

11.9. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With A Report Concerning Whether Any Grants Exist The City Can Pursue To Support The Creation Of Warming And Cooling Centers In The City To Aid The Homeless Population.

In City Council, seconded by C. Gitschier, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.10. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Set A Date To Recognize The Victims Of The Covid Pandemic.

In City Council, seconded by C. Robinson, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon noted the need to recognize the losses.

11.11. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council Regarding The Enforcement Of "No Parking" Twenty Feet From The Corner Throughout The City.

In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon noted the concern of all the neighborhoods. C. Scott noted resident concerns and that it is a safety issue. C. Mercier noted frustration of the drivers. C. Robinson noted the need to enforce ordinance and law as a safety issue is prevalent. C. Leahy suggested painting curb to help eliminate the issue. C. Rourke noted neighborhood team could assist as well. C. Yem noted that it was a safety concern and a traffic concern. Manager Golden, Jr. noted enforcement practice differ with each department. C. Robinson suggested enlarging enforcement powers. Corey Williams (Asst. City Solicitor) noted powers could be expanded. C. Gitschier noted the need to get out there and write tickets.

11.12. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Provide A Legal Opinion On What Changes May Be Required To City Council Rules And Public Comment Procedures For Other Public Meetings In Light Of The Barron V. Kolenda Decision From The SJC On March 7, 2023.

In City Council, seconded by C. Gitschier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Jenness commented that the Council Rules should comply with the decision.

11.13. C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Line Striping Schedule For Parking Lots In Schools And Parks Throughout City.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted.



11.14. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Look Into The Services Of Such Applications Like Aqua Hawk Or Water Smart To Enhance Residents Water Use.

In City Council, seconded by C. Scott, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Rourke noted system can alert residents if problems develop.

11.15. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Look Into Creating A Bicentennial Celebration Commission To Include Lowell Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business, Non-Profit And Religious Organizations; Local, State And Federal Government Representatives, As Well As, Educational Institutions.

In City Council, seconded by C. Robinson, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Yem noted need of committee for organization and funding purposes. C. Yem noted need to properly identify the City of Lowell.

11.16. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Explore The Feasibility Of Subdividing Any Of The Less Attractive Parcels In The HCID.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.17. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Report On What Types Of Payouts Has The City Realized Over The Past 5 Years In Accrued Benefits To Hourly Mid And Upper Management Members Due To Retirement Or Any Other Termination Of Service Including Names; Dates; Positions And Payout Amounts.

In City Council, seconded by C. Yem, referred to City Manager. So voted.

11.18. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On The Process Used To Attract Potential Development In The HCID.

In City Council, seconded by C. Jenness, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted approach should be a more aggressive outreach to developers.

11.19. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide The Council With An Update On Our 2023 Goals Around Hiring Of Summer Youth Employment Opportunities.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted motion was answered.

11.20. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Administration To Establish An Account Dedicated To Maintaining And Repairing Public Art Installations, As Well As, Identifying Funding Mechanisms.



In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted there was a lot of inventory. C. Leahy commented on enhancing public utility boxes. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on working with the artist community.

11.21. C. Robinson/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Detailed Report Showing Different Pathways To Install A Large Scale, Refrigerated Outdoor Skating Rink, As Well As, Some Suggested, Strategic Location Ideas.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted the opportunity for a public/private endeavor. C. Yem noted it would be recreation for the family and economic development. C. Scott noted the possible economic development opportunity and that facility could be maintained and operated by an independent company.

11.22. C. Robinson/C. Yem/M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Work With Mill City Grow And Other Community Stakeholders To Explore The Feasibility Of Developing A Year Round Regional Indoor/Outdoor Farmers, Culinary Market With Food Court And Public Cooking Classroom Space.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted other markets doing this. C. Yem noted it would be a small business booster year round. C. Jenness noted the benefits of the program. C. Leahy noted other success of communities and Lowell would benefit from this.

11.23. M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Review And Update Snow Ban Policy For 2024.

In City Council, seconded by C. Leahy, referred to City Manager/Public Safety SC. So voted. M. Chau noted it was a small business request. **Motion** by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Jenness to refer matter to Public Safety SC. So voted.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

In City Council March 21, 2023, C. Yem wished C. Jenness belated happy birthday.

In City Council March 25, 2023, M. Chau noted Greek Independence Day. Manager Golden, Jr. noted opening of police substation with Lowell Housing Authority.



13. ADJOURNMENT

In City Council March 21, 2023, **Motion** to Adjourn/Continue to March 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM by C. Scott seconded by C. Rourke. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

In City Council March 25, 2023, **Motion** to Adjourn by C. Rourke seconded by C. Gitschier. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk